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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yeah. I would think that that should be clear in the constitutional language also.

SENATOR BURBACH: Well I would welcome your aide in drafting that type of amendment, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Other than that, I would support the Burbach amendment, with that understanding, and support the constitutional amendment proposed by Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would support Senator Burbach's amendment also. I do believe that there is one other section that ought to be amended, however. It's section 14 of article 3, which requires presently either the Lieutenant Governor or the Speaker to sign all papers. I know from the time that I was Speaker, at least it seems to me, it was almost a necessity to have two people designated with that authority to sign the bills that come before the . . . that are passed by the Legislature, or resolutions. So that would be another section that would need to be properly amended. I do not have an amendment prepared at this time, and would attempt to put one together. It's something that we should keep in mind.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to support both Senator Burbach's amendment and Senator Warner's intent. I was aware of the fact that possibly we should add this amendment to clarify the language as to who would sign those laws which we passed officially.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question of the Burbach amendment? The question is, shall the Burbach amendment to LB 119, constitutional revision, be adopted. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 34 ayes, no nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman I rise to support LB 119, constitutional amendment. Again, with all due respect to the Chair and the job he has done, the people of the state have expanded the role of Lieutenant Governor in giving it some executive responsibility which probably should and would be time consuming. I think a number of us supported this issue last year in terms of effective government. I certainly commend Senator Koch for introducing the constitutional amendment again. I think we should move it forward. I think Senator Burbach has put a forward looking amendment on it that gives this body the authority to view that in terms of making it most effective for us. So I support Senator Koch's motion and urge that we advance it on to Select File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.